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## NOTES

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Preliminary announcement has been made of the celebration to be held in the coming September (6th-11th) of the completion of the second decade of work at Clark University. The celebration takes the form of a series of lectures by distinguished men of science and a series of conferences on the pedagogy of science in various aspects. The lecturers announced in the Departments of Psychology and Pedagogy are as follows:

Professor Sigmund Freud, University of Vienna.

Professor L. William Stern, University of Breslau.

Dr. C. G. Jung, University of Zürich.

Dr. Leo Burgerstein, University of Vienna.

Professor Franz Boas, Columbia University.

Professor H. S. Jennings, Johns Hopkins University.

Professor Adolph Meyer, Johns Hopkins Medical School.

Professor E. B. Titchener, Cornell University.

Conferences will be held upon the teaching of psychology in normal schools, under the chairmanship of Professor Guy M. Whipple of Cornell University, and on the teaching of psychology in higher schools for the training of teachers (teachers' colleges), under the chairmanship of Professor Carl E. Seashore, of the University of Iowa. A more informal conference on Laboratory Equipment and Management with demonstration of apparatus from various sources will also be held. Conferences are planned by the Department of Pedagogy upon Education as a Collegiate Subject and on School Hygiene in various aspects. Detailed programmes will be issued during the summer.

### THE SIXTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PSYCHOLOGY, GENEVA, AUGUST 3-7, 1909

From the second circular of announcement we take the following items of interest.

The regular session of the Congress will begin, nearly a month earlier than usual, on Tuesday, Aug. 3d, and continue until Saturday, Aug. 7th, inclusive. On Monday evening, Aug. 2d, there will be an informal gathering of the members of the Congress already present in Geneva.

The modifications in the plan of work of the Congress outlined in the first circular (*vide this Journal*, XIX, 1908, p. 286) have met with general approval and will be put into effect as indicated in the general scheme below, the detailed programme following later.

#### I. THEMES FOR DISCUSSION

A certain number of widely interesting questions—several of outside suggestion—have been placed upon the programme for special discussion. The papers of those who have agreed to bring these questions before the Congress will be printed and sent to the members of the Congress beforehand in order that they may be read at leisure and that members may prepare for their discussion. They will at the time of the discussion be presented in abstract only. The questions and leaders are as follows:

## A. General Questions.

1. The Feelings, presented by Prof. O. Külpe (Würzburg) and Dr. P. Sollier (Paris).
2. The Subconscious, presented by Profs. Dessoir (Berlin), P. Janet (Paris) and Morton Prince (Boston).
3. The Measurement of Attention, presented by Profs. Patrizi (Modena) and Ziehen (Berlin).
4. The Psychology of Religion, presented by Profs. Höffding (Copenhagen) and Leuba (Bryn Mawr).

B. Special Questions—to be discussed probably in sectional sittings.

*Psycho-pedagogy*

5. The Psycho-pedagogical Classification of Dullards, presented by Dr. Decroly (Brussels) and Profs. Ferrari (Imola-Bologna), Heller (Vienna) and Witmer (Philadelphia).
6. The Methodology of Pedagogical Psychology, presented by Mlle. la Dr. Ioteyko (Brussels).

*Psycho-zoölogy*

7. Tropisms, presented by Dr. Bohn (Paris) and Profs. F. Darwin (Cambridge), Jennings (Baltimore) and Loeb (Berkeley).
8. Orientation at a Distance, presented by Prof. Thauziès (Président de la Fédération des Sociétés Colombophiles de l'Ouest-Sud-Ouest (Périgueux)).

*Psycho-physiology*

9. Perception of the Position and Movements of the Body and of the Members, presented by Prof. Bourdon (Rennes).

## II. QUESTIONS OF UNIFICATION AND STANDARDIZATION

1. *Terminology.* By way of introduction to this subject and to elicit suggestions, the Committee will soon publish and distribute a preliminary list of terms proposed, covering those most frequently used in experimental psychology.

2. *Standard colors.* The Committee here invites the assistance of psychologists and others expert in the matters involved. It is hoped that Prof. Nagel (Rostock) may bring the question before the Congress.

3. *Method of Enumerating Errors in Experiments on Testimony.* This matter will be brought before the Congress by Dr. Lipmann (Berlin).

4. *Notation for the Age of Children.* The Committee recommends the adoption of the method used by Stern.

5. *Mathematical Treatment of the Numerical Results of Experiments.* If it is desired, an opportunity will be given for the presentation of papers on this subject; and other questions can be placed upon the programme by prompt communication with the Committee.

## III. EXPOSITION OF INSTRUMENTS AND SIMILAR MATERIAL

Those who propose to exhibit instruments, apparatus, books, pamphlets, collections or other material, and those who will require facilities for demonstrations should notify the Committee at as early a date as possible.

## IV. INDIVIDUAL COMMUNICATIONS

The purpose of the Committee has been to restrict these, *pro bono publico*, but they do not wish to exclude them absolutely. In response to demand already made, a section for Animal Psychology has been

organized and communications are expected from Prof. Yerkes (Cambridge, Mass.) on Scientific Methods in Animal Psychology with a demonstration of apparatus, and from M. Hachet-Soufflet (Paris) on the Theory and Psychological Applications of Training.

Those desiring to be enrolled as members of the Congress are invited to register at once with the Treasurer. The registration fee is 20 fr. covering, besides the opportunities of the Congress, the subscription for the Proceedings and all printed matter given out. Members of the families of those enrolling may obtain the privileges of the Congress, except the Proceedings and printed matter, at half-rates.

#### Committee of Organization

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#### THE SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGISTS.

At the invitation of Professor Howard C. Warren, the sixth annual meeting of Experimental Psychologists took place this year in the psychological laboratory of Princeton University, on April 8th, 9th, and 10th. Twenty-three psychologists were in attendance. The opening session was devoted to reports of work in progress in the chief laboratories. Of a somewhat more formal character was the demonstration by Prof. Leuba of his apparatus for the study of judgments of the extent of arm movements (described in an earlier portion of this number of the *American Journal*), the presentation by Mr. Geissler, of Cornell, of the results of his studies on the degrees of clearness in attention, the report of Prof. Hayes, of Mt. Holyoke, upon certain cases of color blindness (including one monocular case), and the summaries of Dr. Ferree, of Bryn Mawr, of his studies on spatial vision in the region of the blind-spot and on after-images and contrast due to subliminal stimuli. Mr. Clark, of Cornell, Mr. Woodrow, of Columbia, and Dr. Goddard, of the New Jersey State School for the Feeble Minded, reported respectively on the effect of distraction of attention on the apparent intensity of tones, the effect of variations in intensity and duration in the sounds in auditory rhythms, and the correlation between physical and mental development. Dr. Goddard also offered to the experimentalists opportunity for investigation in the institution to which he is attached.

Drs. Dunlap and Vaughan secured from the psychologists present an expression of opinion with reference to the suggested limitation of the scope of the *Psychological Index*, the prevailing sentiment proving to be against any limitation. In compliance with the invitation of Prof. Watson it was voted to hold the seventh meeting (1910) in the laboratory of Johns Hopkins University.

An agreeable social feature of the meeting was the Smoker given by Professor Warren at the Nassau Club on the evening of the 8th, which was followed by an informal gathering at the same place on the next evening. The personal hospitality of Professor Warren and his colleagues was also extended to many of the visiting psychologists.

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We regret to record the loss to psychological science of the personality and trained productive capacity of Professor Hermann Ebbinghaus, of the University of Halle, who died on the 26th of February of pneumonia.

Prof. Ebbinghaus was born in Barmen, Jan. 24, 1850, and studied in the gymnasium of his native town and later in the Universities of Bonn, Halle, and Berlin. As his studies progressed he turned by degrees from history and philology to philosophy, and chose for the topic of his doctor's dissertation that of "Hartman's Philosophy of the Unconscious." Still later he applied himself to natural science and mathematics. The years from 1880 to 1894 he spent at Berlin as *Privatdozent* and extraordinary professor; he was called to Breslau as ordinary professor in 1894 and to Halle in the same capacity in 1905. While at Berlin he opened a psychological laboratory for research and for practice courses, and it was also while there that his classical experimental work on Memory was published (*Das Gedächtnis*, 1885). This work was a monument of patient and successful experimentation, and it was besides a demonstration that experimental methods could be applied with success to more complex fields than those of sensations and responsive movements.

In 1890 Prof. Ebbinghaus founded with Prof. Arthur König the *Zeitschrift für Psychologie und Physiologie der Sinnesorgane*, now grown to publication in two series and flourishing in its 51st volume. In 1902 appeared the first volume of his *Grundzüge der Psychologie* (2nd ed. 1904 and a 3rd in prospect), and recently the first *Heft* of the second volume. The contents of this second volume is foreshadowed in his *Abriss der Psychologie*, a concise and less technical sketch of the whole field of psychology, proposed originally for Hinneberg's "*Kultur der Gegenwart*", but used there only in abbreviated form and later brought out complete as an independent work (1908: 2nd ed. 1909, English version from the abbreviated form by Max Meyer, 1908). Beside these major works, he had published a considerable, but not a large, number of briefer contributions of which the best known are, perhaps, his experimental study of brightness contrast, his theory of color vision and his new method of testing mental ability in school children and others.

His number of papers was not large because in all his work he added to the qualities of the skilful man of science much also of the artist's reverence for his work—a characteristic which Jaensch's sketch in the *Zeitschrift* (Bd. 51, Heft 1-2, from which the above historical items are taken) shows to have been fundamentally characteristic of the man, and which causes us to regret his loss the more.

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